

**SOCIAL SERVICES CENTRAL TRUST ACCOUNT**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For the Year Ended March 31, 2013**

PROVINCIAL AUDITOR  
of Saskatchewan

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To: The Members of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Social Services Central Trust Account, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2013, March 31, 2012, and April 1, 2011, and the statement of changes in trust equity for the years ended March 31, 2013 and March 31, 2012, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

*Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards for Treasury Board's approval, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

*Auditor's Responsibility*

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

*Opinion*

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Social Services Central Trust Account as at March 31, 2013, March 31, 2012, and April 1, 2011, and the changes in trust equity for the years ended March 31, 2013 and March 31, 2012 in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.



Bonnie Lysyk, MBA, CA  
Provincial Auditor

Regina, Saskatchewan  
June 21, 2013

**Statement 1**

**SOCIAL SERVICES CENTRAL TRUST ACCOUNT  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
As at March 31**

	<u>Armour Trust</u>	<u>Balison Trust</u>	<u>Client's Trust</u>	<u>Total 2013</u>	<u>Total 2012</u>	<u>Total April 1, 2011 (Note 2)</u>
<b>FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>						
Due from the General Revenue Fund (Note 4)	\$74,671	\$205	\$8,546	\$83,422	\$83,779	\$98,376
Interest Receivable	201	1	23	225	217	217
Accounts Receivable	0	0	0	0	0	37
<b>TRUST EQUITY (Statement 2)</b>	<b><u>\$74,872</u></b>	<b><u>\$206</u></b>	<b><u>\$8,569</u></b>	<b><u>\$83,647</u></b>	<b><u>\$83,996</u></b>	<b><u>\$98,630</u></b>

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

Statement 2

SOCIAL SERVICES CENTRAL TRUST ACCOUNT  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN TRUST EQUITY  
For the Year Ended March 31

	Armour Trust	Balison Trust	Client's Trust	Total 2013	Total 2012
<b>Changes in Trust Equity:</b>					
Interest earned	\$814	\$2	\$95	\$911	\$900
Client benefits	0	0	14,396	14,396	15,603
Client distributions	0	0	(15,656)	(15,656)	(31,137)
Net increase (decrease) in trust equity	\$ 814	\$ 2	\$(1,165)	\$ (349)	\$(14,634)
Trust Equity, beginning of year	<u>74,058</u>	<u>204</u>	<u>9,734</u>	<u>83,996</u>	<u>98,630</u>
Trust Equity, end of year (Statement 1)	<u>\$74,872</u>	<u>\$206</u>	<u>\$8,569</u>	<u>\$83,647</u>	<u>\$83,996</u>

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

**SOCIAL SERVICES CENTRAL TRUST ACCOUNT  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
For the Year Ended March 31, 2013**

**1. Authority and purpose of Trust**

The Social Services Central Trust Account (Trust Account) was established under Section 13 of *The Department of Social Services Act*.

In accordance with Section 15 of *The Department of Social Services Act*, the Ministry of Social Services administers funds received from the Armour and Balison Estates.

The Armour Trust funds are held for the benefit of Dales House, an institution operated by the Ministry of Social Services.

The Client's Trust funds is used to hold, in trust, money belonging to designated clients. It contains a separate account for each client which provides a record of that client's transactions.

**2. Adoption of New Accounting Standards**

Effective April 1, 2011 the Central Trust Account has retrospectively adopted Canadian public sector accounting standards for its 2012-13 fiscal year. The adoption of these accounting standards did not have a material impact on the financial statements of the Central Trust Account. The Central Trust Account's financial statements were previously prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

The accounting standards have been consistently applied in preparing the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2013, the comparative information presented in these financial statements and the opening statement of financial position as at April 1, 2011.

**3. Significant accounting policies**

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards for governments. A cash flow statement has not been presented since the cash flow information is readily apparent from the other financial statements.

Estate distributions to the trusts are recorded as an increase in net earnings available for benefits in the period they are earned.

Accrual basis

The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Revenue recognition

Interest revenue consists of interest earned on resident balances and is recognized when received or receivable.

**4. Due from General Revenue Fund**

The trust funds are included in the Consolidated Offset Bank Concentration (COBC) arrangement for the Government of Saskatchewan.

Interest earned is calculated and paid by the General Revenue Fund on a quarterly basis into the Trust Account's bank account using the Government's 30 day borrowing rate and the Trust Account's average daily bank account balance. The Government's average thirty day borrowing rate for the year is 1.09% (2012-1.05%)

**5. Related party transactions**

In accordance with established government practice, the Trust Account has not been charged with any occupancy costs and no provision for such costs is reflected in these statements. These costs, together with certain general administrative and employee benefit costs, are absorbed by the Ministry of Social Services appropriation.

**6. Financial instruments**

The Trust Account's financial instruments consist of due from General Revenue Fund and earned interest. There are no significant terms and conditions related to the financial instruments that may affect the amount, timing and certainty of future cash flows.